

(b) Due to the increased incidence of malaria in several parts of the State, the stock position of anti-Malaria drugs was found not sufficient to cope with the heavy demand, for a short period. At present there is no shortage of anti-malaria drugs or insecticides in any part of the State and no patient suffering from Malaria has been sent back untreated.

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618. SRI H. LINGAREDDY (Kurugodu).—Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government is aware that some officers and staff appointed in connection with the eradication of Malaria have been discharged from service in Bellary District;

(b) whether Government is aware of the urgent need to recall those officers and staff in view of the spread of Malaria in Bellary District;

(c) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this behalf ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health)—

(a) Due to the abolition of the Urban Malaria Scheme of Bellary Town, entrusted to the City Municipality, Bellary, with effect from 1st January 1975, the Field workers borne on the said establishment, have been discharged from service by the City Municipality, Bellary from 1st January 1975. The officers and officials, deputed from the Department were reverted to the Health Department and they were posted elsewhere.

(b) the Government is aware of the need for such an establishment in Bellary town for taking anti-larval operations.

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(c) Since the Government of India did not continue to give 100 per cent Central Assistance from 1st April 1975 (as was given during the IV Five Year Plan period) the Scheme was disbanded. However, the Government of India, has been approached by the Department to continue the Scheme.

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773. SRI RAJAPID NAIK (Shorapur).— Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state —

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that Malaria is prevalent in Gulbarga District to a large extent;

(b) if so, the action the Government intends taking for the eradication of Malaria ?

SRI H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The following measures to control the spread of Malaria are being taken in all the villages and towns of Gulbarga District :—

(1) House to House surveillance for detection of fever cases.

(2) Collection and examination of blood smears for Malaria positives.

(3) Detection and treatment of Malaria cases with anti-malaria drugs.

(4) Insecticidal spraying with D. D. T.